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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.

Serial No. 09/466,828

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For: INSULATING FILM AND METHOD

OF PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE

) Group Art Unit: 2818

) Examiner: Ngan V. Ngo

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed March 17, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to July 17, 2008. Also, filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 20, 1999; December 13, 2000; December 22, 2000; September 7, 2001; May 10, 2002; October 3, 2002; March 3, 2003; April 2, 2003; October 2, 2003; December 16, 2003; November 1, 2004; October 17, 2005.

A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-24 and 37-40 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 8, 13 and 17 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Official Action rejects claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-24 and 37-40 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 5,837,614 to Yamazaki et al.

In response, a *Terminal Disclaimer* is submitted herewith. Upon filing of this *Terminal Disclaimer*, the claims of the present application are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections are requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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